

History & Origins of the Denney Whitford/Raliegh Neighborhood

The Denney Neighborhood Association name honors three of Beaver Dam's (Beaverton) first settlers, the Thomas and Barilla Denney family and W.A. White and A.C. Bedford.

The Denney's first stop in Oregon Territory was Mills (Milwaukie). There they met Augustus Fanno, who told them about a fine section of land that adjoined his in the lush Tualatin Valley. Thomas thought it was a good piece of land, and by 1850, the Denney's had moved into a three-room log house on their claim, near what is now Scholls Ferry Road and Hall Blvd.

Denney Road which runs through the neighborhood, also honors the Denney's. W.A. White and A.C. Bedford were "prominent capitalists of New York City, who were directors of the Oregon Electric Railway Company during the early history of the line."

"The name Raleigh was derived from an old-time resident of the neighborhood, Raleigh Robinson. The place was on Scholls Ferry Road at a point about a mile southwest of the Hillsdale-Beaverton Highway Crossing, and just northeast of the Portland Golf Club."

